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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith information of which he is aware, which he believes may be material to the patentability of any claim and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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The Applicant has now received and encloses herewith the following prior art references in connection with the PCT Search Report dated July 13, 1995, the counterpart PCT Patent Application.

The prior art references are set forth below and on the Form PTO-1449.

Publication Date	Publication No.	Applicant
10 June 1993	WO 93/10935	THE WELDING INSTITUTE
5 October 1995	WO 95/26254	NORSK HYDRO A.S.

A copy of the PCT Search Report is enclosed to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of documents not in the English language.

Applicant requests that the Examiner give full consideration to the prior art references set forth above and make them of record in this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the issuance of an Official Action on the subject application. Therefore, no fee is due.

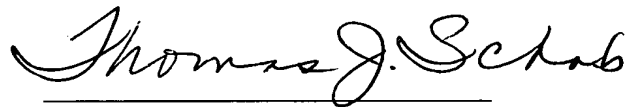
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Authorization is hereby given to charge any necessary fees in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 04-2219.

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